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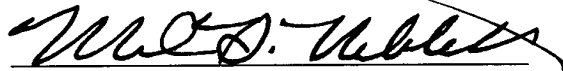
Entry of the amendments to the specification, claims and abstract before examination of the application is respectfully requested.

If there are any questions regarding this Preliminary Amendment or this application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #056208/52861US).

Respectfully submitted,

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An air intake control device for an internal combustion engine in which an air passage is provided with an air passage groove that supplies a required volume of air to a side of the air passage downstream from the fully closed position of a valve body for control purposes. Further, a taper is formed in such a way that a predetermined volume of air can be supplied, even if positional variations have occurred to the valve body. This arrangement allows the volume of air required for the traveling of a car to be supplied, without increasing the number of parts, even if the valve body has stuck downstream from the controlled area. This arrangement also permits a stable supply of air flow at the idle position of the valve body.